

Wakefield Junior Cham

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Wakefield Junior High School was assured of the 1955 county championship yesterday afternoon by topping Swanson 34 to 25 in one of two loop games. The other tilt yesterday placed Thomas Jefferson over Stratford by 33 to 28.

In the first game played on the Tommies home court, the Yellow Jackets pulled out of a two game losing streak, while breaking a string of two wins of the Cavaliers.

On February 4, these two teams met at Stratford where again Jefferson came out on top by a 31-25 margin.

Played before a full house, it appeared that the Stratford quint would take the Tommies by breaking loose for ten points in each of the first two quarters after Thomas Jefferson's Weldon Eddins scored the first basket of the game.

Even though the Tommies opened with the first tally, they were held to a scant four points during the first period, and a like number of tallies in the second quarter of action.

Jefferson was pressed hard by the Cavaliers in the first half, and couldn't get the ball down into scoring position.

After the traditional half talks, both teams took to the court with the mutual idea of winning. Stratford attempting to keep the 20 to 8 lead, and Jefferson determined to come from behind.

The Tommies using a very fast break, came back to rally with 25 points to Stratford's eight in the half. Assisted by lanky Tom Peyton and Weldon (Bull Dozer) Eddins who scored eight and 14 points, respectively, in the half, Jefferson drove for point after point despite the defensive maneuvers of Stratford.

The final scores showed a remarkable comeback by the present county champions with a 33 to 28 victory.

Unlike most games played in the junior loop this season, yesterday's Jefferson-Stratford tilt saw very few fouls, as Jefferson suffered only five, and Stratford six.

Jefferson was led in the scoring column by Eddins with eight baskets, and Tom Peyton with four goals. At the other end of the court, Mike Cardoni paced the Cavaliers with a total of four buckets to his credit.

Yesterday's play closed the '55 campaign for Stratford however Jefferson still has two games slated with Swanson that were cancelled earlier in the season.

TJ					Stratford				
	G	F	PF	P		G	F	PF	P
Lynn	0	0	1	0	Richburg	1	1	1	3
Vickers	1	1	1	3	Mace	0	0	0	0
Eddins	8	0	0	16	Gardner	2	0	0	4
Breeden	1	0	0	2	Minor	1	0	1	2
Kesler	0	0	0	0	Newbauer	2	1	1	5
Peyton	5	0	3	10	Allgater	3	0	0	6
Hough	1	0	0	2	Cardoni	4	0	3	8
Palmer	0	0	0	0					
Whittaker	0	0	0	0					
Hockett	0	0	0	0					
Totals	16	1	5	33	Totals	13	2	6	28
	4	4	13	12-33		10	10	5	2-28

It was a big day for Wakefield Junior High also as the Warriors downed the Admirals on their home court before a large crowd of students and visitors attending the school dedication.

Wakefield's victory assured the South side squad of the number one place in the '55 junior high circuit.

Covering the Wakefield games for The Sun, Dick Mason reports that coming from a '54 record of 6 and 0, the Warriors "have come a long way during the season under the excellent coaching of Mort Irwin."

Getting off to an early lead by slipping in the initial basket, the Warriors jumped to a 14 - 4 margin in the first period, while outscoring the opposition in the second quarter by one tally to close the first half 22 to 11.

Swanson made a major threat in the third period to bring the margin to a 28-21 tally.

Seeing possible failure, the Warriors clamped down their strongest defense to protect their game. All during the final minutes of action the two quints staged a defensive battle with Swanson scoring only four points to the six of Wakefield.

Topper Wheeler led Wakefield's scoring with four buckets and two free throws for a total of 10 points, while Ronnie Terwilliger followed with eight tallies.

Under Swanson colors, Tuten dropped in five baskets and a foul shot to lead his squad in scoring, with Parsons and Hunter trailing with six points each.

Wakefield					Swanson				
	G	F	PF	P		G	F	PF	P
Terwilliger	4	0	2	8	Parsons	1	4	4	6
Schlicht	0	1	1	1	Perry	0	2	2	2
Homan	0	0	0	0	Newman	0	0	1	0
Lee	0	0	0	0	Hunter	2	2	1	6
Ronka	0	0	0	0	Trelogan	0	0	0	0
Crump	0	0	0	0	Weaver	0	0	0	0
Simpson	2	0	4	4	Barns	0	0	0	0
Zirkle	0	0	0	0	Poole	0	0	1	0
Wheeler	4	2	0	10	Tuten	5	1	2	11
Mays	0	0	0	0	Zemer	0	0	1	0
Mayo	1	0	0	2	Steinacker	0	0	1	0
McLearn	0	0	0	0					
Totals	13	8	11	34	Totals	8	9	13	25
	14	8	6	6-34		4	7	10	4-25

Wakefield has one game yet to play with Williamsburg, while Swanson has the two tilts with Jefferson. League standings show at the present time:

Team	W	L	Pct.
Wakefield	6	1	.857
Williamsburg	4	3	.571
*Stratford	3	5	.375
Jefferson	2	4	.333
Swanson	1	5	.167

*Finished season